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VA Research Week Event to Highlight Medical Advancements

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The Providence VA Medical Center will host Research Day at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 16, in the 5th floor auditorium of the main hospital, 830 Chalkstone Ave., Providence, R.I.

The program theme for 2019 is “The Science of Hope” and will include keynote speaker Dr. Jennifer Primack. Primack is a VA Health Sciences Research and Development research psychologist at the Providence VAMC, as well as an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She is also a licensed clinical psychologist with more than 10 years of experience in research helping depressed and suicidal patients. Her presentation will focus on suicide prevention and Veterans. The keynote speech will be followed by poster presentations highlighting Providence VA research, and awards announcements.

The event is part of National VA Research Week, May 13-17, during which the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will celebrate 94 years of research excellence.

"VA research is a national asset that benefits Veteran patients and the entire nation by moving medical science forward," said Dr. Gaurav Choudhary, associate chief of staff for research at the Providence VAMC. "VA investigators played key roles in developing devices and techniques that revolutionized health care – including the cardiac pacemaker, the CAT scan, shingles vaccine, liver and kidney transplants, and much more. Today, VA is a leader in many areas of research, such as mental health, genomics, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, infectious diseases and spinal cord injury."

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